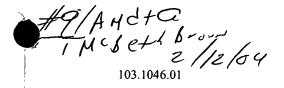


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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated as shown above.

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time in the event that one is required for

this paper. Authorization is hereby granted to charge all required extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0365.

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.111(b).